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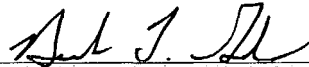
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The following documents are cited in the specification of the application in the order that they appear therein:

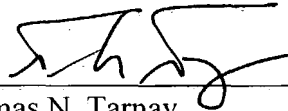
- (1) Parsons et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,900,328, issued August 19, 1975;
- (2) Angle et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,833,347, issued September 3, 1974;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 60-171231 (MATSUSHITA DENKI SANGYO KK), published September 4, 1985;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 03-237023 (ALPS ELECTRIC CO LTD), published October 22, 1991;
- (5) Japanese Published Examined Patent Application No. (B2) 04-016414 (MINOLTA CAMERA CO LTD), published December 13, 1989);
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-133764 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published May 28, 1996;
- (7) Nishikawa, U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0053223 A1, published May 9, 2002.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following item to the attention of the Examiner:

- (8) Marechal et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,734,118, issued March 29, 1988.

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